

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1 - 3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to perform ring-type multiple-address transmission, said apparatus comprising:

a memory, arranged to store image data;

a reception unit, arranged to receive image data and store the received image data to said memory;

a transmission unit, arranged to transmit the received image data ~~and the received image data~~ stored in said memory;

an identification unit, arranged to identify whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address transfer; and

a processor arranged to add transmitter information to the received image data and to cause the transmission of the received image data with image sender transmitter information added thereto ~~as being used when said apparatus is being used~~ as a transmitter when the start of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected, or to cause the transmission of the received image data without ~~image sender transmitter~~ information added thereto ~~as being used when said apparatus is being used~~ as a repeater station when the transfer of

ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected,

wherein the transmitter information provides information identifying the received image data.

Claims 5-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A communication method performing ring-type multiple-address transmission, said method comprising the steps of:

storing image data in a memory;

receiving image data and storing the received image data to the memory;

transmitting the received image data ~~and the received image data~~ stored in the memory;

identifying whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address transfer; and

transmitting the received image data with ~~image sender information transmitter information~~ added thereto ~~as being used when the apparatus is being used~~ as a transmitter when the start of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected, or transmitting the received image data without the ~~image sender transmitter~~ information added thereto ~~as being used when the apparatus is being used~~ as a repeater station when the transfer of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected,

wherein the transmitter information provides information identifying the

received image data.

Claim 10. (Canceled)